

## Message Text

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R 210415Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6180  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
CHUSMTM DHAHRAN  
USCINCEUR  
SECDEF WASHDC  
HQ USAF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1144

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, BA, SA  
SUBJECT: BAHRAINI ARMS REQUESTS

REF: (A) STATE 102626 (B) MANAMA 950

1. AT MY REQUEST I CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTER/HEIR APPARENT  
SHAIKH HAMAD MAY 20 TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF ARMS REQUESTS  
ACTIONS WHICH ARE HIS TO TAKE AND TO REVIEW WITH HIM STATUS  
OF OUR ACTION.

2. HELICOPTERS. SHAIKH HAMAD IS PREPARED TO SIGN NON-TRANSFER  
AGREEMENT BUT HAS SOUGHT "CLEARANCE" TO DO SO FROM GENERAL  
KABBANI. KABBANI HAS NOT REPLIED THOUGH HAMAD SAID QUESTION  
PUT TO HIM ALMOST A MONTH AGO. HAMAD SAID CONTRACT FOR  
HELICOPTERS IS STILL BETWEEN SAG AND AGUSTA-BELL AND HE IS  
RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WITHOUT SAG CONCURRENCE. HE  
ASKED IF EMBASSY JIDDA OR CHUSMTM COULD URGE ON KABBANI THAT  
HE REPLY TO HAMAD THAT SAG CONCURS IN NON-TRANSFER STATEMENT  
DIRECTLY TO USG FROM GOB. PLEASE ADVISE.

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2. HAMAD CONFIRMED WHAT WE HAD HEARD RECENTLY FROM HIS COS:  
HELICOPTERS WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO BAHRAIN AND  
AGUSTA-BELL PERSONNEL WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP BAHRAINIS  
RECEIVE THEM. HAMAD SAID AGUSTA-BELL PERSONNEL MIGHT STAY  
ON, BEYOND USUAL DELIVERY CHORES, TO HELP HIS PEOPLE ABSORB  
THE NEW EQUIPMENT.

3. 2.75 ROCKETS. HAMAD AWAITS LOA AND DID NOT OBJECT WHEN I SAID WE WOULD PREFER THAT HE GET SAG TO SIGN REQUIRED PARAGRAPH ON PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS SKITTISHNESS IN DEALING WITH SAUDIS, I SUSPECT THAT WHEN TIME COMES HE MAY ASK US TO GET IN THE ACT IN SEEKING SAG SIGNATURE.

4. LAWS. I TOLD HAMAD WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR LETTER OF JUSTIFICATION. HE PROMISED TO GET IT TO ME ASAP.  
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